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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORTTOPIC Military Information from the Bittkau Training AreaEVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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1. On 21 September 1951, Camp Bittkau (N 53/Y 83) quartered about 2,000 troops, about 50 percent with black epaulets and 50 percent with red-bordered black epaulets. The camp boundaries are: northern extremity about 300 meters east of Scheeren on a line with Tangerhuetten-Bittkau; western boundary about 1 km to the east of, and parallel to, the direct road from Scheeren to Cobbel; southern boundary, the dirt road from Cobbel to Bittkau; and the eastern one, about 1 km west of Bittkau. In addition, there are target ranges south of the Cobbel-Bittkau dirt road and north, and northeast of Polte, and the water training sites on the Elbe River. The troop quarters, low wooden barracks buildings, were east of a dirt road which runs from the Elbe River north, between Koppenberg and Lerchenberg (hills) to the Tangerhuetten-Bittkau road. [REDACTED] There were 20 low wooden barracks buildings and about 10 motor vehicle sheds, some with doors. The quarters were being enlarged. Six earth bunkers were located just north of the Ringfurth-Bittkau road. Three bunkers were surrounded by fences and guarded by two sentries. Ten trucks and 1 radio truck, [REDACTED] were parked on the Cobbel-Bittkau road. Several groups of 40 to 50 soldiers were training south of the Cobbel-Bittkau road. Intensive practice firing with small arms was conducted at the target ranges near Polte. [REDACTED]

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* Comment. [redacted] there were 1,200 troops in Camp Bittkau in mid-July 1951. [redacted] The borders of the Bittkau billeting area are reported for the first time and in general agree with previous assumptions. [redacted] target 50X1-HUM
 ranges only southwest of Folic. The data on the location of the low wooden barracks buildings corresponds to information available [redacted] 50X1-HUM
 [redacted] NO temporary barracks buildings with a capacity of about 1,500 troops were under construction in mid-June 1951. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
 The motor vehicles identified in the training area belong to the 7th Gds Tank Div, to headquarters engineer units and a headquarters unit of the Third Shock Army, the 19th Gds Recz Div, and to the 3d Gds (?) AT Arty Bn of the LXIX Itz Rifle Corps.

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